

REMARKS

The Office Action dated May 6, 2003, has been received and carefully noted. The amendments made herein and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

By this Amendment, claims 1-5 and 9 have been amended. New claim 12 has been added. No new matter has been added. Therefore, claims 1-5, 9, 11 and 12 are pending in the present application and are respectfully submitted for consideration.

Furthermore, this paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2003, which stated that the application comprised claims directed to four (4) patentably distinct species. Under 35 U.S.C. § 121, the Applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. The four distinct species identified by the Office Action are:

Species 1, defined by Figs. 1-7;

Species 2, defined by Figs. 8-10;

Species 3, defined by Fig. 11; and

Species 4, defined by Figs. 12-16.

As noted in the Office Action, claim 9 is generic. Therefore, upon allowance of claim 9, the Applicant requests a rejoinder of the claims.

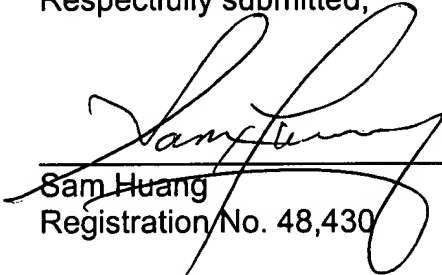
Pursuant to the Election of Species Requirement, the Applicant elects the prosecution on the merits of Species 4 defined by Figs. 12-16. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 and 11 are readable on Species 4 since claims 1, 2 and 9 correspond to Fig. 16, and claims 3, 4 and 11 correspond to Figs. 12-14.

The Applicant also reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected species.

With the above election, the Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for examination on the merits. An early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 107400-00043.**

Respectfully submitted,



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